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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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Prior Application Art Unit: 2654      Prior Application Examiner: Lerner, Martin

SIR: This is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation    ☐ Continuation-in-Part    ☐ Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)  
of pending prior Application No. 09/606,150 filed June 29, 2000 of Mitsuyoshi TACHIMORI  
and Hiroshi KANAZAWA for A SPEECH RECOGNITION SUPPORT METHOD AND  
APPARATUS

1.    ☒    Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior Application No. 09/606,150 as originally filed on June 29, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2.    ☐    Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125. The undersigned hereby verifies that no new matter is added in this substitute specification.
3.    ☐    Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
4.    ☒    A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5.    ☒    The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith.

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|   | Number of Claims |   | Basic | Extra Claims |        |           |
| Total Claims  | 5                | - | 20    | 0            | x \$18 | 0.00      |
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6. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
8. ☐ New acceptable drawings are enclosed.
9. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to: Kabushiki Kaisha Toshiba at Reel 010905/Frame 0674.
10. ☒ Priority of Application No. P11-185859, filed on June 30, 1999 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy  
☐ is enclosed or ☒ is on file in the prior application.
11. ☐ Small entity status is appropriate and applies to this application.
12. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Hefter, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg. No. 26,691; C. Larry O'Rourke, Reg. No. 26,014; Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610; Michael C. Elmer, Reg. No. 25,857; Richard H. Smith, Reg. No. 20,609; Stephen L. Peterson, Reg. No. 26,325; John M. Romary, Reg. No. 26,331; Bruce C. Zotter, Reg. No. 27,680;

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13. ☒ The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
14. ☐ Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
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16. ☐ Recognize as associate attorney \_\_\_\_\_

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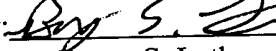
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17. ☒ Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449, Submission of Formal Drawings, and Certified English translation of JP 11-185859

PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in parent Application No. 09/606,150, filed June 29, 2000, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

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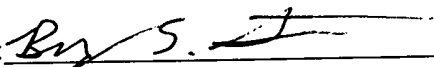
**SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, please replace the informal drawings originally filed with the eight sheets of formal drawings filed herewith (Figures 1-8). If the formal drawings for any reason are not in full compliance with the pertinent statutes and regulations, please so advise the undersigned.

If any fees are necessary for the submission of these formal drawings, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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